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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 5, 1958

Dr. Joshua Lederberg
Department of Genetics
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

You have been suggested as a person to whom I might write for information. Dr. R. W. Hougas has been proposed to us as a person who might be qualified to become the head of our Department of Botany and Plant Pathology. The present head of this department is retiring June 30, 1958. Before contacting the individual directly, we are asking for your help as follows:

How does this individual rate professionally in your opinion as to both instruction and research? We have the usual biographical data at hand.

Does he have the personal qualities of getting along with colleagues which would be excellent for one holding such an administrative position? We are looking for someone who is personally ambitious and aggressive but knows or gives promise of knowing how to temper these attributes in working with a staff.

Has he had administrative experience and has he been successful in such duties?

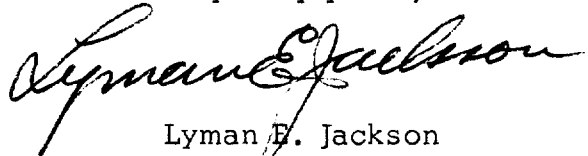
Please comment on his personal and family qualifications in relation to such a position. If you feel that there are important reservations, just state that such reservations exist.

I wish you to know that I will hold any part or all of your communication in strict confidence if you so desire.

Do you suggest that we contact anyone in particular for further information?

Please accept a very sincere thank you for any information you may be able to furnish.

Very truly yours,


Lyman E. Jackson
Dean